

BRADLEY FREE WITHOUT BOND

Accused Denies Knowing
of JFK Plot

Edgar Eugene Bradley was released on his own recognizance Wednesday after surrendering in Los Angeles to face charges that he conspired to kill President John F. Kennedy.

Bradley, a slightly-built blond haired man, said after his arraignment: "I know I'm not guilty of any crime. God knows I'm not guilty. That's the important thing."

A \$10,000 bond was recommended by the New Orleans district attorney's office. However, this was not binding on the Los Angeles court and Municipal Judge David J. Aisenso ordered Bradley's release without bond.

He granted a 30-day contin-



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EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY
Surrendering to sheriff.

uance during which Louisiana may initiate the extradition that Bradley's attorney says he will fight.

PLOT ALLEGED

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison last week charged Bradley, 49, in connection with an alleged plot by extremists to assassinate Kennedy.

Bradley denies any prior knowledge that Kennedy would be killed and claims he was on a bus from Oklahoma to El Paso, Tex., when the assassination occurred Nov. 22, 1963.

He was accompanied by his attorney, George Jensen, when

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he surrendered at the office of Los Angeles County Sheriff Peter Pitchess on the fugitive warrant obtained here by Garrison.

Jensen said he will fight extradition "tooth and nail." "I will not let him go to Louisiana," Jensen declared.

The final decision on whether Bradley will be extradited rests with California Gov. Ronald Reagan. At a press conference here Tuesday Garrison said that those witnesses he was having trouble extraditing were living in states with Democratic governors. Reagan is a Republican.

Garrison also said Tuesday that in 1964 Bradley worked in a movement in California to get FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to run for president.

Bradley is West Coast representative for Dr. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, N. J., president of the American Council of Churches and evangelistic radio broadcaster. He said he did participate in such a movement for Hoover but dropped it after receiving little public support.

REASON SUGGESTED

Jensen suggested Wednesday that Garrison may have made the charges against Bradley "in order to be able to continue the Shaw case."

Clay L. Shaw, retired New Orleans businessman, was the first person arrested by Garrison and charged with conspiracy in the 1963 assassination. He is now awaiting trial.

Bradley is the second person charged.

Jensen predicted Garrison will ask for a continuance of Shaw's trial. Tuesday Garrison said he was prepared to go to trial in the Shaw case immediately.

Bradley said he is not concerned about the possibility of being convicted: "I think the people who should be concerned at this point are those who may have committed perjury or those who have apparently conspired to frame me. Those are the ones who should be worried because that is a criminal offense."